



THE TIGER'S ROAR

Tiny Tigers Rescue “ The Beginnings”

I wanted to share the answer to a question that I often get from those who peek into the world of rescue and wonder “why do you do it?” I often struggled to find the words to answer that very legitimate question and I was fortunate enough to come across an “answer” that someone had already penned. As I read it I said (to myself), “wow, it is as if she wrote that for me.” And so now, I share it with you in hopes that you too understand “why I do it”. And for those of you who struggle to articulate that which you know to be true in your heart, it is my hope that you too can share this “answer”, or a variation of it, with those who ask a similar question of you. And maybe, just maybe, our passion will ignite a fire in another who can help us in our quest to “save them ALL.”

It all started around 2001, I was informed that someone was requesting that a mother cat and her kittens be euthanized, There was nothing wrong with them they were healthy and super friendly, they just did not want them. This was a huge eye opener for me, I started learning that this was not an isolated incident this was a common request at veterinarian offices. I also realized that when many elderly cat owners passed away, their families do not want to be bothered with their loved one's cats, so instead of them going to a shelter, I took them in. This made me realize there was a lot of different situations that required cats and kittens needing help. The mentioning a group of feral kitties at a local restaurant, I realized there was and still are feral colonies where cats are very overpopulated. In order to make a difference in the colony spaying and neutering had to take place. Any cat or kitten that was able to be rehomed wasn't released back out to the colony. My first colony had around 30+ cats and kittens. After a few years I was able to finally get the one colony down to 7 adults that was altered. With everything together I realized there was a very high demand for people to care and be educated about the unwanted cats and kitties of Surry County.

I have people always asking me “Why do you put yourself through the stress, the heartache of rescuing cats when so many die anyway?” Some people even have gone as far as to say rescuers just concentrate on death. They ask “why don't you just focus on the nicer subjects of cats like the weird, cute and funny things you see in the videos online!” I would love nothing more than to promote the fun things with cats. Believe me, I would REALLY, REALLY LOVE to do that.

I rescue. I spend all my money, my valuable time with my own cats, everything on rescue. Rescue is hard. Rescue is sad more times than happy. Rescue is tiring. Rescue is not pretty. Rescue is expensive. Rescue is physically, mentally, emotionally, financially draining. Rescue will shorten my life. But sometimes, it's not how long you live, but what you do with the time you have that matters.

Tiny Tigers Rescue Mission Statement:

To rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome less fortunate cats with medical and/or behavioral needs, as well as cats who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected . To help control feral cat populations through public education and implementation of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

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Special points of interest

- What things do I need before I adopt a cat?
- Facts about U.S. Animal Shelters



Tiny Tigers In Action

Animals arrive at crowded shelters and rescues daily, either as strays or owner surrenders. Most sit patiently in their kennels, day after day, wondering what they did wrong to end up there. They wag their tails, meow, hiss – anything to get the attention of potential adopters as they walk by. Some do find homes, but many do not. We here at Tiny Tigers Rescue work with the shelters by pulling them to transfer to other shelters and/or rescues.

What can be done to prevent the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable cats? Many things: develop better spay/neuter and adoption programs, educate pet owners so pets are not relinquished to shelters, establish foster care

programs, and/or work with rescue groups to help place homeless pets.

Not all rescue groups are reputable. Although the vast majority of the rescues we have been networking with are wonderful organizations like Wake county SPCA, McKean County SPCA, Adam's SPCA, Fort Erie in Canada, a few other rescues in Massachusetts and Connecticut just to name a few are all run by caring, loving people who want to help animals, a small percentage are accepting animals under the pretense of rehoming them.

"I love cats because I enjoy my home; and little by little, they become its visible soul."

- Jean Cocteau (director, Orpheus)

What things do I need before I adopt a cat?

Make room in your budget for a few necessities, such as:

- Collar
- ID tag
- Food & Water bowls
- Litter, scoop & litter box
- Carrier
- Bedding
- Grooming brush
- Nail trimmers
- Toys
- Vet bills

Tiny Tiger's Community News

Tiny Tigers Rescue Online Auction 2020

Starts Aug 16 at 6pm and goes to Aug 23 at 8PM

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/973922663053298>)

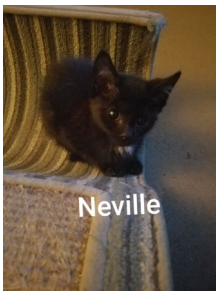
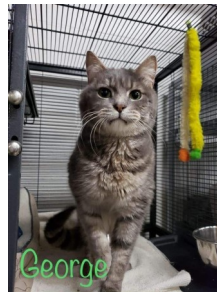
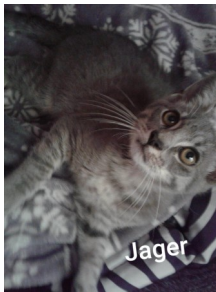
****There are many more items online to bid on****



Ten hours virtual (online) tutoring for K-5 students with veteran teacher. Weekly sessions can be scheduled for one hour or thirty minutes in length. Great opportunity to gain additional support for remote school learners!



Our Tiny Tiger's Looking for a FUR-Ever Home



Facts about U.S. Animal Shelters:

- Approximately 6.5 million companion animals enter U.S. animal shelters nationwide every year. Of those, approximately 3.3 million are dogs and 3.2 million are cats. We estimate that the number of dogs and cats entering U.S. shelters annually has declined from approximately 7.2 million in 2011. The biggest decline was in dogs (from 3.9 million to 3.3 million)
- Each year, approximately 1.5 million shelter animals are euthanized (670,000 dogs and 860,000 cats). The number of dogs and cats euthanized in U.S. shelters annually has declined from approximately 2.6 million in 2011. This decline can be partially explained by an increase in the percentage of animals adopted and an increase in the number of stray animals successfully returned to their owners.
- Approximately 3.2 million shelter animals are adopted each year (1.6 million dogs and 1.6 million cats). About 710,000 animals who enter shelters as strays are returned to their owners. Of those, 620,000 are dogs and only 90,000 are cats.

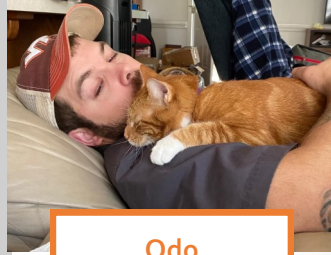
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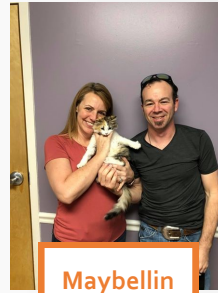
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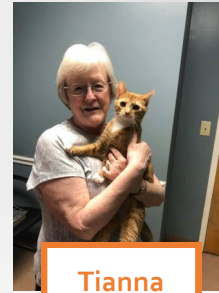
Tiny Tiger's and their FUR-Ever Homes!



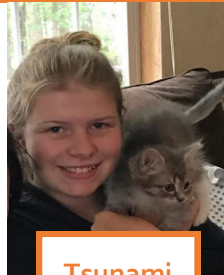
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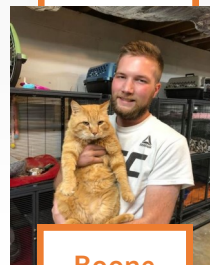
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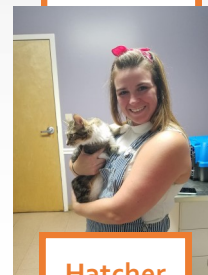
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Ways To Support Your Tiny Tiger's Rescue (TTR)

Together with our supporters, we take on the big fights to try and stop cruelty before it happens. We're working to end overpopulation, we are always providing education, we are helping with spay/neutering clinics, to achieve the vision behind our name: Tiny Tigers Rescue. And we can't do it without you.

Our #1 expense is vet costs: Each new pet that enters TTR needs vet care upon becoming an TTR foster pet. Our average cost of initial vetting is roughly \$350 per cat. Ongoing vet care is less, but every pet needs monthly flea and heartworm preventative, regular vaccine updates, and trips to the vet for any emergencies or illnesses that arise. Our vet costs average \$1500 - \$3000 per month.

Our #2 expense is litter and food: We go through about 12 large bags of dry cat food, 12 cases of 40 count of canned food, about 15-18 / 42 lbs. bags of litter per week with an average cost of about \$700 week.

Think about possible ways you could donate without even noticing. Maybe you can give up one cup of fancy coffee drink a week, and commit to donating \$20 per month. Maybe you forgo one meal out per month, and donate \$30 a month. Maybe you can save your change throughout the month, and donate \$5 each month. Or maybe you are in a more fortunate situation, and you are able to commit to a

helping us reach 5% of our budget each month (\$150). We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible.

Whatever amount you can and want to commit, we need you. Every dollar does make a difference to that kitten, cat and/or senior cat that has been injured, dumped and/or neglected.

If you are not able to donate monetarily, there are other ways to support Tiny Tigers Rescue:

- Education
- Fostering
- Transportation
- Volunteering (i.e. feeding, watering, cleaning litter boxes, fund raisers, etc.)